

**Washington, D.C.** – Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (GA-2) spoke last night at a dinner hosted by the National Military Family Association (NMFA) at the Georgetown University Hotel for a group of 150, including Military and Veteran members, leaders, advocacy groups, and families.

The NMFA brought together leading experts in the fields of military family support, childhood development, women's issues, and behavioral health during the two day summit: *When Parents Deploy: Understanding the Experiences of Military Children and Spouses*

Last night's dinner served as the commencement of the summit. Guests of the dinner included Military Family Caucus (MFC) Co-Chairs, Congressman Bishop and Congresswoman Cathy McMorris-Rodgers, summit panelists, and members of the NMFA's Board of Governors and Board of Advisors.

In his speech, Congressman Bishop emphasized the importance of Military families and the goals of the MFC, which Representatives Bishop and McMorris-Rodgers created to serve the interests of the family members of service members through educating Members of Congress and their staff on the challenges facing these Military families.

"We formed the Military Family Caucus to highlight the commitment and increasing sacrifice our Military families make everyday, Congressman Bishop said." "We want to bring to the forefront the special challenges they face with regard to such issues as health care, education, employment, housing, and child care."

Congressman Bishop said he is confident that Veterans' organizations, the NMFA, and the MFC can provide excellent resources for Military families regarding mental health care, child development facilities, schools, and housing.

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